Watershed Action Planning Process

Goals:

- Assign restoration strategy and lead program for implementing the strategy
- Document and make publicly available
- Track restoration strategy implementation and status

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NPS Priority Watersheds Report

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Who: TCEQ and TSSWCB Water Quality Programs

- First efforts in 2011 and 2012 based on 2010 IR
- Currently building off the 2014 IR
- TCEQ and TSSWCB evaluate impaired waterbodies in order to make preliminary recommendations:
 - Identify Restoration Strategy
 - TMDL, WPP, WQS Review, Monitoring, Evaluation*
 - Identify Status
 - Planning, Scheduled, Ongoing, Underway, Completed
 - Assign Lead
 - TCEQ: CRP, TMDL, NPS, WQS, SWQM
 - TSSWCB
 - TCEQ WAP*

Evaluate Preliminary Strategies

Who: WAP Partners — Clean Rivers Program Partners and Data Providers

- Clean Rivers Program Partners
- Review preliminary recommendations
- Provide Feedback
 - To confirm the preliminary strategy recommendations
 - Determine need for further evaluation

- Two Paths at this point:
 - If consensus reached on appropriate strategy recs
 - Document, Implement
 - No clear restoration strategy
 - More robust evaluation of impairment at the local level
 - CRP Partners, stakeholders, others

Local Watershed Meetings

Who: Local and Regional Stakeholders, TCEQ & TSSWCB, CRP Partners

- Goal is to perform a more thorough evaluation of the impaired waterbody to make strategy recommendations
- Utilize local input to assign strategy
- Watershed evaluations, pollution sources, maps, models, other resources
- CRP Partners and stakeholders
- State WQ programs
- Anyone with local knowledge of the waterbody

Determine Final Strategies and Document in WAP Tool

Who: TCEQ and TSSWCB Water Quality Programs

- Final WAP strategy recommendations
 - Inform programs in determining priorities and program activities
- NPS Priority Watersheds List
- Document and track
 - Seg/AU, Impairment, Category
 - Strategy, Status, Lead
 - Meetings
 - Projects
 - Currently Spreadsheet on Website
 - WAP Tool/Public Viewer

Implement Strategies

Who: State Water Quality Programs, CRP Partners, Regional and Local Stakeholders

- TMDL
- WPPs
- WQ Standard Reviews
- Monitoring
- Reassess

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- Evaluate to determine effectiveness
- New impairments
 - Strategy recommendations
- Updates: Strategy, status, lead



- Currently in process of identifying and updating strategies through the 2014 IR
 - Will go to CRP Partners for evaluation soon
- Once up to date will roll out the Public Viewer
- Every two years following approval of the IR
 - New impairments, Strategy updates
- Next: Strategy determinations for WAP Leads
 - Will implement on an ongoing basis

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